CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE FORTY-FOURTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HELD TUESDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 1986, AT 7:30 P.M.
IN H-769, HALL BUILDING, SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS CAMPUS

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING:

BD-44-D1: External V.P. Report
BD-44-D2: External V.P. Report - CFS Conference
BD-44-D3: Finance V.P. Report
BD-44-D4: Programming V.P. Report
BD-44-D5: Campus Centre Supervisory Committee Contract

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Chairperson Georges Berberi called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

PRESENT:

Co-Presidents:

Ron Hiscox
Michael Judson (8:05)

Commerce:

Tony Ghannamy
Shirleen Weekes (8:00)

Engineering:

Dan Artola
Jonathan Jolivet
Martin Pereira

Fine Arts:

Ian Fleet

Arts and Science:

Maria Calderone (8:05)
Adrian Chomenko
Andy King
Maki Kusano (8:00)
Lorne Lecker
Chris Mostovac (8:40)
Mark Pink (8:30)
Heather Rerrie
Jim Schneider
Jennifer Stark
Karen Takacs

ABSENT:

Arts and Science: Milva D'Aronco
Commerce: Elizabeth Laett, Jenny Rice (W/R)
Engineering: Andrew Haberl
Fine Arts: David Etherington, Ian Chuprun, Page Lopez

Advisors to the Board Present: Francois Desrosiers, External V.P.; Glen Cheverie, Liaison Committee; Jim Locke, Liaison Committee; Peter Wheeland, Communications V.P.; Scott White, Student Services V.P.

4. Chairperson's Remarks:

Chairperson Georges Berberi advised the Board that with regard to the impeachment of Page Lopez, "sufficient evidence" must be presented in order to proceed with the impeachment, according to Section 18.2(c) of the Constitution.

2. Approval of Agenda:

The Following Items on the Agenda were changed. Item 8(d) concerning the General Elections was moved up to 8(a) because little or no debate was expected. Ron Hiscox asked that a modification to the constitution be allowed as a floating Item until such time as 18 directors were present (Item 8h). Lorne Severs will give a report on Cusacorp as Item 6(c). Lorne Lecker will present a motion regarding African relief as Item 8(e). Jonathan Jolivet will present a motion concerning the impeachment of Page Lopez as Item 8(f). Adrian Chomenko will address the issue of Senate appointments as Item 8(g).

The Agenda was approved as amended.

3. Approval of Minutes:

The Minutes of the Informal Meeting held December 4, 1985 were approved as written.

5. Unfinished Business:

a) Central American Committee Motion:

Chairperson Georges Berberi put forward the motion that had been tabled at the last meeting but not voted on due to lack of quorum shortly after its presentation.

MOTION 266:

WHEREAS Nicaragua has been suffering from a serious economic situation in the last three years, largely as a result of U.S.-sponsored aggression and trade embargo,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Concordia University Students' Association expresses its solidarity with the people of Nicaragua by purchasing Nicaraguan coffee from a local distributor, Bridgehead Trading.

Moved by: Heather Rerrie
Seconded by: Mark Pink

Discussion:

Lorne Lecker stated that his position was made clear at the last meeting, and he felt that firstly, although this would show CUSA's conscience, it was not within the CUSA mandate and secondly, this was being done as a symbolic gesture when in fact it should be considered as a purchase (and

the aim should be good coffee at a decent price). Andy King commented that this issue should never have been brought before the Board--the Board should keep its goals in perspective, and items of this sort should be handled by the executives. Tony Ghannamy stated that the idea was fine in principal but he did not feel that the Board had a right to make political decisions. Steve Cabilio, a representative of the Central America Committee reported that the Committee had discussed the wording of the motion, had decided that it was inappropriate and had reworded it (exact wording not available--Steve Cabilio was working from memory). Jennifer Stark commented on the immature behaviour demonstrated by some members of the Board, and wanted to know why some directors were making an issue of not making this an issue. She felt that the students who presented this motion should not have been ridiculed because the Board represents all students. Ron Hiscox supported her by stating that everyone has a right to bring issues to the Board and furthermore they are entitled to receive fair treatment, not the shabby treatment these students received. Ron Hiscox continued his remarks stating that an executive decision could have been taken in this matter, but the change was being done to make a statement and this statement would be that much stronger by going to the Board. Adrian Chomenko stated that he had a problem accepting the broad statment "solidarity with the people of Nicaragua"--there was a vagueness inherent in this statement with which he was uncomfortable because it did not specify which people, and he cited cases of inhumanity against the Mesquito Indians, etc. Karen Takacs commented that she was glad this issue was brought to the Board and expressed the feeling that if the Board can make a small change, it has a duty to do so even if it appears to be only a symbolic gesture. Jonathan Jolivet said there were two reasons that the Board was considering this motion: firstly, to help the people of Nicaragua, and secondly, to make a statement; and given the amount of money involved is so small, it is more of a statment than actual aid to Nicaragua. In this regard, he proposed that the wording of the motion be changed so that it does not specifically mention coffee but refers to Nicaraguan exports in general. Adrian Chomenko reminded the Board that last summer the External V.P. sent a letter to the Prime Minister of Canada opposing the U.S. trade embargo and supporting Nicaraguan exports in Canada. Chairperson Georges Berberi announced that he would allow the Central America Committee some time to work on the wording of the motion and that they could present the re-worded motion in fifteen minutes' time.

6. Reports:

a) External V.P. Report:

Francois Desrosiers distributed two reports: one concerning the meeting between himself, Peter Wheeland and the executive of the Canadian Federation of Students regarding the POET proposal on January 4 (BD-44-D1), and one concerning the CFS conference held in November 1985 on underfunding and transfer payments from the federal government to the provincial governments (BD-44-D2). He also reported that CUSA was hosting a province-wide conference on the weekend of February 14, 15 and 16 on underfunding. Guest speakers at this point include the Minister of Education, other government representatives, philosophers, etc. Simultaneous translation will be provided. It will be held in the Hall Building (Room 651), and the cost per participant will be $10 to cover the costs of translation and documentation. The schedule is as follows: February 14, 7:00-8:00 p.m., Registration and the Opening Speaker;

February 15, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 a.m. (includes a social event); and February 16, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. He urged all directors to participate in the conference.

Jonathan Jolivet suggested that since it was part of the Board's job to find out about such topics as underfunding and because the Directors should be willing to work on the conference, the Board members should be allowed in for free.

MOTION 267:

WHEREAS it is part of the Board of Directors' mandate to assist the executives in their projects, and

WHEREAS it is up to the Board members to learn about subjects affecting the University, such as underfunding,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT members of the CUSA Board of Directors be granted free admission to the conference hosted by CUSA on the weekend of February 14, 15 and 16.

Moved by: Jonathan Jolivet
Seconded by: Lorne Lecker

Discussion:

Peter Wheeland stated that CUSA would pay the costs for any Director wishing to attend. Mike Judson agreed, adding that the costs would come out of the External V.P.'s budget. Jonathan Jolivet withdrew the motion.

b) Co-Presidents' Report:

Ron Hiscox reported that they were working on three major projects for the Spring: the move to the Campus Centre, amendments to the constitution (to be dealt with later this evening), and autonomy for the newspapers. With respect to the move, Ron Hiscox reported that the plans had been approved, the work permit had been obtained, and the only thing lacking was the work order number which, according to the head of Physical Plant, should be available in the next week or two. Regarding the autonomy issue raised at the last meeting, the referendum question was being developed and the discussions now centered around the division of fees. Ron Hiscox also reported that an agreement regarding the Campus Centre Supervisory Committee would be handed out later in the meeting, at which time he would go over it with the Directors and it would be discussed in depth at the next meeting.

Michael Judson reported that there will be a party for member associations at the Campus Centre on Friday, February 7th at 8:00. He noted that the Engineers had not been formally invited, but he planned to visit them and apologize for this oversight. Invitations had been issued to all groups.

Karen Takacs asked whether autonomy for the newspapers would be a direct result if the referendum was passed. Ron Hiscox responded that the papers would have to obtain their incorporation papers before being autonomous and that the breakdown of the CUSA fees still has to be discussed in further detail with the papers.

Karen Takacs asked about the status of the ECA service contract. Both Ron Hiscox and Mike Judson responded that the issue is just about settled, but that the Engineers are still not offering enough in terms of how much they want to pay for the Campus Centre.

Karen Takacs commented that she had heard that several (six or so) committees with student representation had empty seats and asked for clarification. Mike Judson responded that there are two committees at this time lacking one student representative each: the registration committee and the scholarship committee.

Maria Calderone asked what the cost would be with respect to the move to the Campus Centre. Ron Hiscox explained that the move was not considered in time to be included in the University's "capital budget" for this year but they will be applying for inclusion in next year's "capital budget". He reported that the University will pay something toward the cost but he could not say how much.

Adrian Chomenko asked why Cusacorp has dealings with a bank that has interests in South Africa when CUSA has divested its funds. Ron Hiscox responded that Cusacorp was dealing with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce for convenience's sake when making night deposits. Lorne Severs reported that the Cusacorp Board had decided to look into this matter but had been delinquent in this regard. He stated that the Cusacorp Board agrees in principal and assured the Board that something will be done. Adrian Chomenko stated that convenience should not be a factor because it was CUSA policy not to deal with certain banks. Lorne Severs stated that it was not merely convenience but the safety of the employees was involved when making cash deposits at night. He further stated that the Board will be made aware of the decision taken by the Cusacorp Board at its next meeting. Gordon Ritchie, as a point of information, stated that the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce was one of the leading banks in the movement not to make further loans to South Africa (since 1973 or 1975). Karen Takacs countered with the argument that the bank still does business with companies that have interests in South Africa.

d) Student Services V.P. Report:

Scott White reported that the Labour Pool would be opening on Monday, February 10th, and would be open from 10:00 a.m. t0 4:00 p.m. every weekday except Monday when it would be open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It will be located on the second floor of the Centennial Building, telephone 848-7575. The two new co-ordinators are Emile Passagne de Quercy and Kirk Williamson. He further reported that the six electronic typewriters for the typing room (referred to in his last report) arrived today. Mark Pink asked what security measures were being taken with the new machines, and Scott White responded that there are monitors in the typing room.

e) Education V.P. Report:

Yael Lifshitz reported that she has four major areas of concern: (1) reform in academic regulations , especially regarding cheating and plagerism; (2) in order to facilitate registration, the formulation of a list of courses available as electives outside of an individual's department/faculty; (3) reform in the Personnel Advisory Committees: in the collective agreement, the professors can bring any material they deem

relevant, and there are no students sitting on these committees (and probably will never be)--in order to have student input, there is a move under way to have the professors who go before the committee bring the statistics (obtained from the evaluation sheets) from the Learning and Development Centre; (4) curriculum changes which would facilitate the registration process by having four or five mandatory courses for first-year students who often are unaware of courses or of the direction in which they want to go.

Adrian Chomenko asked about the appointments to Senate. Yael Lifshitz responded that she had appointed Janis Housez on an interim basis. Adrian Chomenko asked when she would be brought before the Board for ratification, and commented that he had seen her on Monday and asked about Senate and was under the impression that she was no longer interested. Yael Lifshitz responded by saying that not having full student representation will not take away from the students' effectiveness at Senate.

Jonathan Jolivet stated that the list of electives exists in the Engineering Department and asked when it will be available. Yael Lifshitz answered that it will be sent out with the registration packages in April.

Scott White asked what the latest developments were concerning the Senate restructuring. Yael Lifshitz responded that at present there was a lot of haggling over semantics, but that the committee should be making a report to Senate by the end of February. She added that they have not yet begun to discuss the area of most concern to CUSA, the numbers.

Karen Takacs asked Yael Lifshitz to elaborate on the mandatory courses. She explained that in certain departments (Commerce, Engineering, Computer Science) compulsory introductory courses are already in effect, and the Arts and Science Curriculum Committee is looking at the issue and will probably allow some flexibility so that the students will have a choice about the courses they take.

Karen Takacs asked if there would be a student caucus meeting before the next Senate meeting. Yael Lifshitz responded that the Senate steering committee had not met yet. Karen Takacs commented that if there could be a student caucus meeting prior to the Senate meeting, perhaps the students would be able to do something concrete.

f) Finance V.P. Report:

Chairperson Georges Berberi distributed a report (BD-44-D3) prepared by Brian Weihs and stated that this item would be on the next agenda.

g) Programming V.P. Report:

Chairperson Georges Berberi distributed a report (BD-44-D4) prepared by Lorne Woods and stated that this item would be on the next agenda.

(9:00)

c) Cusacorp Report:

In order to bring the Board up to date, Lorne Severs reported that Olga Gazdovic is the general manager of Cusacorp, and that two operations

managers were hired: Darin Scanzano for Loyola, Kelly McKenzie for SGW. The old managers were not fired but were demoted. As a result, some quit to collect UIC and some stayed. Cusacorp bought a computer recently and is now putting an accounting program into it. The catering contract at the Campus Centre is expiring at the end of May and the Campus Centre Board has the authority to work out the new contract. However, because there is no one currently serving on the Campus Centre Board, the University and Cusacorp together will look at contracts and make a decision. The prices at Reggie's have been brought into line with the prices charged at Loyola. Cusacorp will be re-evaluating the services offered by Cafe 651 and the front counter at the Campus Centre because of a duplication of services. Cusacorp has received their financial statements for the period June to November, and these statements will be presented at the next meeting. In short, the previous management lost $56,000 between June and August, there was a loss of $4,500 in September but October and November were profitable. The profit-sharing policy will stand for the time being.

Glenn Massad reported that the Cusacorp Board met with Doug Devenne, Director of Ancillary Services, last week. Regarding the construction in the Campus Centre, they were advised by Doug Devenne that the University has no intention of paying anything toward the cost and that it will have to be paid by CUSA. Ron Hiscox and Mike Judson responded that Doug Devenne does not have anything to do with the "capital budget" and, as stated earlier, CUSA is applying for funds from this budget.

Glenn Massad stated that Doug Devenne had thought that Cusacorp was aware of the Supervisory Board and mentioned it to them at that meeting. Ron Hiscox stated that the agreement for the Campus Centre Supervisory Committee is now it its third draft, and it is this draft that is being distributed later this evening.

Mark Pink stated that he was pleased at the prospect of receiving financial statements because they had not seen any since last August. Lorne Severs explained that the delay was due to the change-over to the computer. Mark Pink asked about the security for the computer. Lorne Severs explained that it was being kept in the Malone Room and assured him that the computer would stay in the Campus Centre (i.e. not be taken home to be used). Jonathan Jolivet offered his computer expertise, and Chairperson Georges Berberi requested that he refrain from carrying out a private consultation until after the meeting.

Karen Takacs referred to the financial loss over the summer and asked what measures would be taken to ensure that it does not happen again. Lorne Severs said that Cusacorp would probably lessen the operating hours over the summer and this would save on administrative costs and salary costs.

As a final point, Lorne Severs reported that a motion was passed at the last Cusacorp Board meeting to adopt the payroll service of the Toronto-Dominion Bank. It will be implemented in about one month's time. The service is cheaper than a computer program at the present time (computer programs cost between $750 and $1500 to do the same service).

(9:15)

5) Unifinished Business:

a) Central America Committee Motion:

Chairperson Georges Berberi asked Steve Cabilio of the Central America Committee to read the new wording for Motion 266.

MOTION 266:

WHEREAS Nicaragua has made notable strides in promoting the health, education and welfare of the majority of its people, despite its economic hardships and the current trade embargo,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CUSA expresses its support for these efforts by switching to Nicaragua products for its operations whenever possible.

Moved by: Heather Rerrie
Seconded by: Mark Pink

Discussion:

Lorne Lecker warned that the Board would be setting a precedent if it passed this motion. He further stated that he had spoken with his constituents and had no response outside of the boardroom to support this motion.

Steve Cabilio thanked the Directors who gave this motion their consideration. He explained that Nicaragua spends a disproportionate amount of its funds on social services and that Oxfam administers the distribution of the coffee. He also went on to say that Nicaragua has been acclaimed by WHO for its vaccination program and by UNESCO for its literacy program.

MOVE to end debate.

Moved by: Karen Takacs
Seconded by: Maria Calderone

VOTE TO END DEBATE: 12/6/1 Carried

VOTE ON MOTION 266: 11/8/0 Carried

7. Question Period:

Jim Schneider raised the issue of Professor Chan from Applied Social Science whose contract will not be renewed. The official stand appears to be that Professor Chan is "too academic". A graduate student by the name of Esther Ross wished to investigate more fully the reason why Professor Chan's contract would not be renewed and was told that it was none of her business by the Dean of Arts and Science. It is felt that this is a case of discrimination because Professor Chan does not fit into the APSS "clique". Professor Chan is rated in the top 5% according to student evaluations, and has letter of recommendation supporting him. Since the Department of Applied Social Science and the Dean of Arts and Science are

not taking the student evaluations into consideration, Jim Schneider asked if the CUSA executive could intervene.

Maria Calderone asked why CUSA is always becoming involved in saving teachers' jobs, for example the political science professor last fall, when CUSA should be concerned with the students. Jonathan Jolivet commented that losing good teachers affects the students. Lorne Lecker stated that CUSA forms committees to look into everything, and that CUSA should investigate this as well. Chris Mostovac supported Jonathan Jolivet's view that teachers have an effect on students.

Mike Judson stated that he would ask Yael Lifshitz to look into the matter and to report on it at the next meeting, and he thanked Jim Schneider for bringing this matter to the attention of the Board.

Karen Takacs requested that the Board spend an hour at its next meeting to discuss the motions that were passed at the last meeting concerning the changes to the Board. She would like to discuss the changes that have to be made to the Board to make it more involved in CUSA as well as redefine the roles of the Directors. There were no objections to this request.

(9:45)

Jim Schneider requested more information on the ads that had appeared in The Link for a "nuclear-free world", the seminars being co-sponsored by CUSA and McGill. Francois Desrosiers explained that Sally Kramer is co-ordinating these seminars. She is a journalist, not a student, but she is working in conjunction with CUSA on a voluntary basis. She wrote the article that appeared in the McGill Daily on the freedom of expression on university campuses. Jim Schneider asked about the pressure from the Board of Governors on the Political Science Department that resulted in their cancelling the lectures. Francois Desrosiers explained the reason for the Political Science Department dropping the lectures was because there was no Canadian content nor participation in the lecture series. He further explained the reason for the series being held at McGill was that there was no space available at Concordia.

8. New Business:

a) General Elections:

Paul Gott, Chief Returning Officer, informed the Board that the elections would be held in March. The nomination period would open Monday, February 10th and run until Friday, February 21st. This would be followed by the reading week break. The campaign period would start on Monday, March 3rd for two weeks. The deadline for referendum questions would be Friday, February 14th. The new mandate would take effect April 1st.

MOTION 267:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the annual general elections for CUSA will be held on March 17th, 18th and 19th, 1986.

Moved by: Chris Mostovac
Seconded by: Tony Ghannamy

VOTE ON MOTION 267: 13/1/2 Carried

h) Proposals to Amend the Constitution:

Chairperson Georges Berberi gave the floor to Peter Wheeland to introduce the modifications to the constitution. Peter Wheeland explained that these changes must firstly be approved by two-thirds of the sitting Directors, and secondly go to referendum. He asked the Directors to give careful consideration because these changes will affect the future of the unity of students and the future of CUSA.

(10:00)

MOTION 268:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board move into a Committee of the Whole to discuss the proposed amendments.

Moved by: Michael Judson
Seconded by: Chris Mostovac

VOTE ON MOTION 268: UNANIMOUS

(10:15)

MOTION 269:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board moves out of the Committee of the Whole.

Moved by: Dan Artola
Seconded by: Chris Mostovac

VOTE ON MOTION 269: 17/0/1 Carried

MOTION 270:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Article 3 be amended to read:

3.1 (reads the same as current Article 3)

3.2 Notwithstanding by-law 3.1, the Board of Directors may grant membership status to registered undergraduate, independent and special students who have not paid the Association fee. Two-thirds of the Directors present at a duly-convened meeting must approve the granting of such membership status.

Moved by: Jonathan Jolivet
Seconded by: Lorne Lecker

VOTE ON MOTION 270: 18/0/0 UNANIMOUS

MOTION 271

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors grant membership status to all undergraduate students whose tuition and related fees are waived due to their status as senior citizens.

Moved by: Michael Judson
Seconded by: Ron Hiscox

VOTE ON MOTION 271: 18/0/0 UNANIMOUS

MOTION 272:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors grant membership status to all undergraduate students in the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science. This membership status may be revoked in the event that CUSA and the accredited student association for this faculty (AEGIC) fail to reach an agreement concerning the cost-sharing of services provided by CUSA.

Moved by: Jonathan Jolivet
Seconded by: Lorne Lecker

VOTE ON MOTION 272: 18/0/0 UNANIMOUS

MOTION 273:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors submits the questions concerning constitutional amendments to referendum in the Spring concurrent with the general elections.

Moved by: Heather Rerrie
Seconded by: Shirleen Weekes

VOTE ON MOTION 273: 15/0/3 Carried

(10:30)

c) Ratifications of Newly-Appointed Judicial Board Members:

Frank Benson, Vice-Chairperson of Judicial Board, announced that the Judicial Board had accepted with regret the resignation of Chairperson Kim Segal. He presented the following three candidates for ratification for three positions on Judicial Board. He further explained that on May 31st, the mandate expires and all Judicial Board seats will be vacated.

Candidate: Alex Burns:

Alex Burns is a third-year Political Science student. He served with Judicial Board over the summer.

Candidate: Graham Wall:

Graham Wall is also a third-year Political Science student. This is his third attempt to serve on Judicial Board, having just missed out in April

1984, and having been selected to the auxilliary committee in September 1985 but never called on to serve.

Candidate: Alexander Ciocilteu:

Alexander Ciocilteu is in his first year in Political Science. He is interested in human rights issues.

MOTION 274:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors ratifies the appointment of Alex Burns to serve on Judicial Board.

Moved by: Jonathan Jolivet
Seconded by: Lorne Lecker

VOTE ON MOTION 274: 14/0/3 Carried

MOTION 275:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors ratifies the appointment of Graham Wall to serve on Judicial Board.

Moved by: Jonathan Jolivet
Seconded by: Lorne Lecker

VOTE ON MOTION 275: 15/0/2 Carried

MOTION 276:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors ratifies the appointment of Alexander Ciocilteu to serve on Judicial Board.

Moved by: Jonathan Jolivet
Seconded by: Lorne Lecker

VOTE ON MOTION 276: 15/0/2 Carried

(10:45)

d) Ratification of Clubs:

MOTION 277:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors ratifies the formation of the "Concordia Agnostics and Atheists Club".

Moved by: Heather Rerrie
Seconded by: Lorne Lecker

Discussion:

Representatives of the club read their statement of purpose in which the word "promote" was used in reference to the club's activities. Jonathan Jolivet objected to the use of this word, but was advised that other groups with religious orientations use it to describe their purposes. Chris Mostovac asked if the group felt a need to establish a club or whether it was done to counter other religious-based clubs, and was told it was both.

MOVE to end debate.

Moved by: Lorne Lecker
Seconded by: Jim Schneider

VOTE TO END DEBATE: 15/1/0 Carried

VOTE ON MOTION 277: 11/2/3 Carried

MOTION 278:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors ratifies the formation of the club "NSC at Concordia".

Moved by: Heather Rerrie
Seconded by: Lorne Lecker

Discussion:

Eugene Abrams, representative of the group, explained that NSC stands for "Nichiren Shoshu Soka Gakkai of Canada", a form of Buddhism from Japan that promotes world peace. Glen Cheverie reported that this group was in attendance at the Clubs on Campus day, and had one of the more popular booths. Tony Ghannamy asked if there was a spiritual leader. Eugene Abrams explained that Nichiren was the name of the priest who started the movement and he is now dead. Tony Ghannamy asked whether there was any anticipated demand for this club. Eugene Abrams responded by saying that a great deal of interest had been expressed at the Clubs on Campus day. Jennifer Stark asked how many members the club had at present. Eugene Abrams stated that there were four members on the executive plus at least six other members, not to mention those who expressed interest in joining during the Clubs on Campus day. Jonathan Jolivet asked for a translation of the group's name and was told that it is the orthodox school of Nichiren for value creation. Jim Schneider asked if it was related to Zen Buddhism, and if the group would be using the very active promotion tactics that the Zen Buddhists are known for. Eugene Abrams stated that the group would not be using those tactics, and that the group will be working toward promoting a realistic way to achieve world peace.

VOTE ON MOTION 278: 15/0/2 Carried

Heather Rerrie, on behalf of the Liaison Committee, reported that the Clubs on Campus day held last week was successful, but there had not been quite as many clubs participating as the Liaison Committee had hoped for. The Liaison Committee is planning another Clubs on Campus day for March.

b) Campus Centre Supervisory Committee:

Ron Hiscox distributed the Campus Centre Supervisory Committee Contract (BD-44-D5). He asked the Directors to read the document before the next Board meeting, at which time they will discuss it in depth and vote on it. In introducing this document, Ron Hiscox reported that the Co-Presidents

had commenced discussions last September with Doug Devenne, Director of Ancillary Services, regarding whether or not to revise the Campus Centre Board, and the end result of these discussions was one contract for all spaces (Cafe 651, Reggie's, and the Campus Centre).

e) Motion for African Relief:

Lorne Lecker introduced the following motion by commenting on the importance of symbolic gestures.

MOTION 279:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors, as a symbolic gesture, will purchase a 45 r.p.m. copy of "Tears are not Enough", the Canadian record for the African relief movement.

Moved by: Lorne Lecker
Seconded by: Jonathan Jolivet

Discussion:

Peter Wheeland requested the Chair to rule whether this motion was being presented in order to waste the time of the assembly. Chairperson Georges Berberi stated that the motion was not done to waste time and that the Board would give its consideration to the motion.

VOTE ON MOTION 279: 8/2/3 Carried

g) Motion Concerning the Impeachment of Page Lopez:

MOTION 280:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors will present the sufficient evidence required according to Section 18.2(c) of the Constitution in order to bring Page Lopez to trial.

Moved by: Jonathan Jolivet
Seconded by: Lorne Lecker

VOTE ON MOTION 280: 11/0/2 Carried

9. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Georges Berberi, Chairperson

Jo Howard, Recording Secretary